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## Letter to Philander Chase Jr

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My Dear Son;

This morning at 12 we got our good ship Orbit safely moved in Prince's Dock in commercial town. You will not be surprised at the length of your voyage when you are informed of the opposing winds which rendered a shorter impossible. All however has ended well: and gratitude for our preservation is now & I hope ever will be the predominant passion of my soul. On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo we had a dreadful storm of rain and wind. It shook the hearts of the stoutest of us and called us to our prayers. But this though tremendous was nothing to what followed after we had entered the Channel. As we passed round Cape Clear a favourable wind promised a happy and speedy termination to a, hitherto, boisterous voyage. The green hills of Erin by day, and her sparkling lights on the promontories by night, enlivened the moments as we passed rapidly on: till in the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> the Brilliant Light house of the Holy Head on Anglesea revolving on its axis and shewing every minute its incomparable blaze, rose to our view. "Our wind is favourable" said our good Capt. Finkham. "The wind is favourable for us to pass round this, the most difficult <sup>point</sup> to pass in the Channel." We indeed did pass it and got up with Pointe Linus by the break of day.



The wind changing to the N East and coming on to blow two guns were fired for a pilot (for we were on the ground which they traverse) but none appeared. We stood off in hopes to return and find them better prepared. But it was otherwise ordered. The wind continued to increase to a gale before noon, & by night the whole channel was in a perfect foam. Thursday night and all Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> were days of terror never to be forgotten. Hemmed in between two dangerous shores & blown at the mercy of the unrelenting winds, who could but reflect on the fate of the Albion? What was singular the sun shone with peculiar brilliancy & both in the morning & the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup>. The foaming waves were so much taken <sup>up</sup> into the air that there was nearly one unceasing rainbow. This seemed verification of the promise in revelation, not in mercy but in terror. The "Bow was in the cloud" but the cloud was formed not from above but from below even from the angry deeps.

We were driven down the Channel & again had to retrace our steps round the Holy Head. On the same ground from which we were driven on Thursday we got a pilot on Sunday, & on the same day dropped anchor 6 miles below the town for want of water. & on this morning we came up into Dork as related. We learn that the gale has been very severe &



considerable damage done.

We learn also (what you will smile to read) that the very day on which we were driven off from the pilot ground - viz Thursday, the Meteor by reason that she had passed up a few miles the night before with a pilot got up to Liverpool. I hear that the Little Man passed rapidly on to London. May the Good Providence ever thus bless and protect him. At the same time I pray for a blessing on those few sheep which I have left in the Wilderness & I trust (in the goodness and mercy of God that He will not leave them destitute.

It has been a busy afternoon with us in getting our baggage passed at the Custom house. I am now at a quiet & very comfortable Boarding Inn; & intend with the leave of Providence, on the morrow to go to Manchester on my way to London.

My dear dear Son if you thought of me as I have thought of you during my passage, we have mingled our hearts and our prayers.

Don't forget to mention me with great respect & love to Mr. Bowen & Mr. Osborne. Say every thing that is tender to them for me.

Above all let me have your prayers continued for the good cause in which I am engaged. Who knows but that thro' your fervency I have thus far been preserved. I am ever your affectionate Father



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